

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC

SUBJECT: WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS: JESSIE DOBBINS

1. DEPT. (AF/E) CONTACTED BY STANLEY BODNER, FORMER NAVY DOCTOR AT KAGNEW, CONCERNING W/W AMCIT JESSIE DOBBINS WHO REMAINED IN ASMARA FOLLOWING EVENTS APRIL 1977. DOBBINS RAN RETAIL STORE IN ASMARA AND WAS WELL KNOWN IN ASMARA COMMUNITY. BOTH BODNER AND DOBBINS' SISTER IN ST. LOUIS RECEIVED LETTERS LAST DECEMBER INDICATING DOBBINS AND HIS ITALIAN WIFE, LINACAVANI DOBBINS, WERE PLANNING TO LEAVE ASMARA SHORTLY. THEY ARE WORRIED AS THEY HAVE HEARD NOTHING SINCE THEN AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT HIM. THEY FEAR HE IS BEING HELD PRISONER OR WORSE.

Q. DEPT. REALIZES THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM ASMARA. DO NOT KNOW IF PHONES ARE WORKING NOW OR NOT (DOBBINS NUMBERS ARE HOME 110437, STORE 110610). HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY HAS ANY INFORMATION OR CAN OBTAIN ANY, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN U.S. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING HIS STATUS. PERHAPS ITALIAN EMBASSY HAS KNOWLEDGE OF MRS.  
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